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SITUATION REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-12

FILE NAME: Project HENDON

Report#: 041-2022

Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-12 at 1600 hours.

Owing to the current social protest landscape this Situation Report is organized into three main sections, each with specific information relevant to **Ottawa, Toronto, and Ontario**.

PREFACE: *The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.*

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

- OPP reporting noted that individuals continue to deliver jerry cans of fuel to the blockade in hand-pulled wagons.
- OPP reported a sign at the blockade stating: "There's a Revolution Coming and It's Called Canada!!"
- The intersection of Sussex and Rideau has been fortified with tractor trucks parked tightly together. The mood of people at this intersection was described as defiant. Police also observed individuals dressed all in black standing in the intersection like security.
- Some drivers have indicated that they would go to Toronto in response to the declaration of the state of emergency.
- Many trucks on Wellington have parked sideways across the street.

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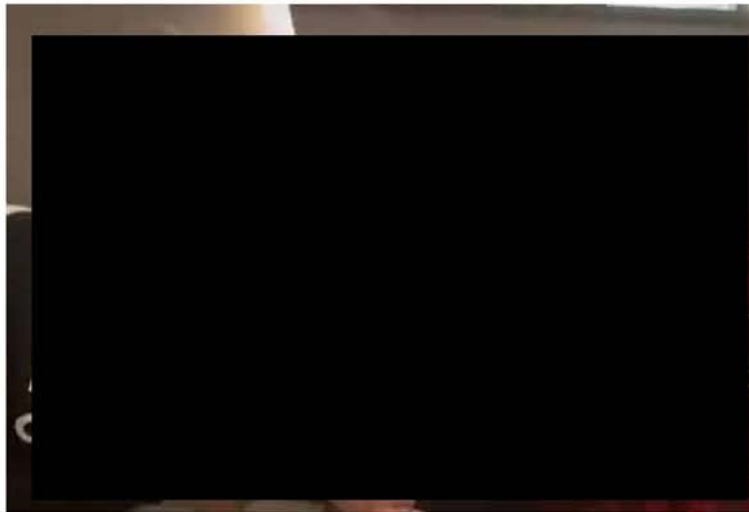
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- OPP reporting indicated that Pastor Henry HILDEBRANDT will hold a memorial service to acknowledge the lives lost during the pandemic on 2022-02-12 from 1900-2100 hours. Location is unknown.

OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

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- The blockade daily report criticized Premier FORD for having the funding from GiveSendGo frozen and claimed that despite the move, food and fuel at the blockade is plentiful. The report goes on to note that police services and individual officers are re-evaluating their role and questioning the legality of police actions.
- Open source research has identified the following:
 - A schedule of speakers at the Freedom Convoy stage beginning at 1045 hours. Speakers include [REDACTED] (1400hrs) and Former Newfoundland Premier [REDACTED] (1415hrs).
 - A video by "The Crackpot Farmer" who stated that events at Parliament Hill would start at 0900 hours on 2022-02-12. He indicated that they needed help to purchase fuel and were taking donations. He further stated that a lot of people would be coming to Ottawa for the weekend.
 - A video featuring [REDACTED] and a female named "DAGNY", a self-described freedom activist from southwestern Ontario, who decided to join the organizers to look after media relations.



- A video by [REDACTED] that depicted energized and happy protestors at the Coventry site dismissing the state of emergency enacted by Premier FORD and reframing politicians as the

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problem. [REDACTED] states that they are not going to stop until every premier in Canada is out of office.

- A video in which [REDACTED] states that the province has restricted them having convoys, so they will now conduct freedom marches. He then invites anyone in Ottawa to join them this morning at 1130 hours for a walk from the Coventry site to Parliament Hill.
- Repeated comments in online videos that police are only following orders and don't believe in what they are doing. A video in which a police officer allowed protestors to sit in the rear of his cruiser and have their pictures taken.

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) reported that an estimated 500-700 protestors on foot marched from Queens Park through the city and back. Upon returning to Queens Park the crowd had decreased to about 400-500 protestors.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Social media messaging was identified on [REDACTED]'s Instagram account addressed to Premier FORD stating "I am going to siege even harder" with the caption "insurrection intensifies". [REDACTED] is alleged to have thrown gravel at Justin TRUDEAU during the 2021 federal election.
- A Facebook event by [REDACTED] and THE CANADIAN REVOLUTION invited people to attend Premier FORD's residence to ask him questions, particularly all of the truck drivers from Ontario, Quebec and Windsor. The message ends with a request for the Premier to step down and appoint Tim STANLEY as interim leader.

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE:

- Police public order units commenced enforcement action of an injunction to open the bridge this morning. Media footage shows on-site protestors subjecting police to intense verbal abuse.
- Media footage of protestors on the evening of 2022-02-11 showed them celebrating being given flyers by police.

BLUE WATER BRIDGE:

- OPP reporting a large crowd on the US side of the border (Port Huron)
- OPP reporting indicates that approximately 20 farm tractors and pickup trucks remain on Highway 402.
- OPP reporting indicates that approximately 20 vehicles are at the Blue Water Bridge Waterfront Park and approximately 30 people, including some children. Mood is calm.

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- OPP information indicates that Social media messaging is promoting a convoy of US trucks that may block the border at Port Huron on 2022-02-12.

PEACE BRIDGE:

- Convoys in the Niagara peninsula have been diverted off of the highway.
- Approximately 200 protestors on US side of the bridge and 1000 pedestrians on the Canadian side who may try to go around police to meet with American protestors in the middle of the bridge.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE (CORNWALL):

- OPP reporting indicates that the international bridge at Cornwall has been blocked by 50-70 farm tractors. Residents from Akwesasne are reported to be on site in opposition to the protest. At 0850 hours one lane was reported to be open. An officer from the Akwesasne Mohawks Police Service (AMPS) attended and advised the protestors that they could not block a First Nation Territory. He was yelled at and surrounded, so disengaged. Organizers have indicated they intend to remain until tomorrow.
- Two lanes currently open, one northbound and one southbound; however organizers have stated that if police intervene or tow trucks arrive the situation will change. The Seaway Bridge Authority has advised that the port of entry will be closed if the situation is deemed dangerous.

LANSDOWNE BRIDGE:

- Vehicle convoy expected at the Lansdowne international bridge. The relevant authorities plan to implement measures to ensure that the bridge is not blocked.

NIPIGON RIVER BRIDGE:

- OPP reporting has identified potential convoys and protests in North West Region, including a potential protest at the Nipigon River Bridge. OPP continues to monitor.

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ONTARIO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- Ongoing protests across the province.

ONTARIO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Ongoing protests at various locations.

OTHER

- The Freedom Convoy fundraiser on GiveSendGo has raised \$9.1 M USD (\$11.6M CAD). The Bitcoin wallet for the blockade contains almost \$1.2M CAD. The ADOPT A TRUCKER account on GiveSendGo has raised over \$571,396 USD (\$727,724 CAD).

ASSESSMENT

The ongoing protests remain volatile and increasingly represent a potential public safety and officer safety threat. Individuals participating and supporting the ongoing protests are highly committed to their objectives and any tactics they deem necessary to achieve them. They appear to be largely defiant or dismissive regarding the state of emergency. They view themselves as freedom fighters creating a historical moment for which they are willing to be arrested or imprisoned.

The perception that police are on the side of the protestors may be partly responsible for some of the slogans directed in writing and verbally toward police. A repeated narrative is that police are ashamed to be taking any enforcement action against the protestors, and are only carrying out orders from above. This idea is reinforced by influencers and organizers who repeatedly message that the protests are peaceful.

The unfolding events at the Cornwall Port of Entry have the potential for conflict locally with potential implications at the provincial level. We continue to monitor these events closely.

The Ottawa blockade appears to be a catalyst for protests elsewhere, including protests outside of Canada. Recent “copycat” convoys in Austria, Belgium, France, Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands will likely validate both the cause and the tactics of people at blockades in Ontario.

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All of these factors indicate that breaking up the ongoing protests will not resolve the root problem. Protestors are highly likely to change tactics, relocate, or return to a previous protest site once the police presence has decreased or disappeared. It is possible that we may see increased levels of civil disobedience and civil unrest, perhaps for a protracted period.

Although we have no information at this time to indicate that any individual or entity in the province has the intent, capability, and opportunity to escalate from protest to committing an act of mischief against critical infrastructure, this possibility should not be excluded.

The situation in Ontario remains volatile. The potential for conflict or an act of violence is likely increasing as the Ottawa blockade continues. The potential for conflict may have increased as a result of the declaration of a state of emergency in the province and the enforcement action that has now occurred.

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ANTICIPATED EVENT SCHEDULE – SUPPORT CONVOYS OR DEMONSTRATIONS

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The overall situation is fluid: these events may change and spontaneous events may occur without warning.

PRIORITY EVENTS

OTTAWA			
CURRENT SITUATION			
• See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA			
Date	Time	Name	Comments
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	0600hrs	Saint-Honoré-de-Shenley: Convoy to Ottawa	
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	0700hrs	The Tax Payers Convoy: Niagara to Ottawa	• Meet up location: Vineland Tim Hortons Victoria Ave & North Service Rd

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Sat, Feb 12, 2022	0700hrs	Freedom Convoy 2022 to Ottawa	• Bracebridge Walmart • Huntsville Walmart
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	0700hrs	Toronto: Buses to Ottawa	• Departing from: Burlington Aldershot GO Station, Islington Subway, and Victoria Park Subway • Return boarding from Ottawa at 1730hrs.
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1100hrs	Citizens of Ottawa Pro-Ottawa Rally 2022 - A Moment of Peace and Civility	• Possibly 1100hrs-1300hrs • A gathering to support the Citizens of Ottawa will be held Saturday afternoon. This is one of several activities being organized. This event will focus on being accessible, inclusive and above all, safe. • The event will be a relatively brief gathering, focusing on a 2-3 hour event. We are actively seeking to gather at one of Ottawa's many beautiful public spaces. Which one will be up to all of you!
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1200hrs	Free Ottawa	• Ottawa Police Station, Elgin Street • An intention to occupy this space and demand action to end occupation and return peace to our city
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1300hrs	Community Solidarity Rally and March	• Lansdowne Park – behind Aberdeen Pavilion • Event by PSAC National Capital Region • A coalition of local labour unions, community organizations and residents will be holding a rally this Saturday in solidarity with frontline workers and Ottawa residents affected by the occupation. • Peaceful event – no intention to engage convoy
Sun, Feb 13, 2022	0900hrs	Ottawa: Blue Collar Convoy	Possibly two routes: 1) East Route: departing RCGT Park 0900hrs; stopping at the RA centre then to Parliament Hill



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			2) West Route: departing Canadian Tire Centre, 1000 Palladium Drive, Ottawa (0900hrs) to Parliament Hill Info that 20 vehicles attending the West Route – only passenger vehicles. Planned peaceful event – violence will not be tolerated.
Tue, Feb 15, 2022	0700hrs	Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray	• Convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 2022/02/18. • Organizers appear to be Justin CARTWRIGHT, Lucas COLLINS, and Shannie TROY. The route is tentatively Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa.

TORONTO

CURRENT SITUATION

- See HENDON report

ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO

Date	Time	Name	Comments
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1200hrs	Freedom Convoy Toronto: Round Two / Convoy For Freedom Toronto	Queens Park 10AM Meet up; Rollout at 11AM; 12PM Queen's Park • Meeting locations include: • Vaughan Mills • Yorkdale Mall • Sherway Gardens • Square One (no persons attended) • 95 First St, Orangeville • 403 & Dundas Tim Hortons, Oakville 9AM Meetup; 10AM Rollout

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			300 Taylor Rd, Niagara Falls
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1200hrs	Mandate Freedom – Toronto Peaceful Assembly – The Line Canada	Queen's Park
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1000hrs	Freedom Convoy: Niagara to Toronto	Meet at 0900hrs, depart at 1000hrs

WINDSOR AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION			
See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – WINDSOR AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
Date	Time	Name	Comments
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	0900hrs	London to Windsor Convoy	Value Village Parking Lot – Wellington Rd S at the 401
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	0930hrs	Chatham to Windsor Convoy	- Leaving Bloomfield - Person asking if anyone is interested
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1400hrs	London Freedom Convoy #2	4350 Wellington Rd S – Parking Lot - Meet at 1400hrs, Rollout at 1500hrs - Protesting no more mandates

CORNWALL			
CURRENT SITUATION - CORNWALL			
See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – CORNWALL			
Date	Time	Name	Comments
13 Feb 2022	U/K	Protest	Protesters advising they will stay at the Cornwall POE until 13 Feb 2022



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SARNIA (HWY 402/BUEWATER BRIDGE)			
CURRENT SITUATION			
• See HENDON Report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – SARNIA (HWY 402/BUEWATER BRIDGE)			
Date	Time	Name	Comments

NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION			
• See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – NIAGARA FALLS/FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
Date	Time	Name	Comments
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	0900hrs	Convoy	Convoy planning on meeting at Husky truck stop – Niagara-on-the-Lake with plans to lock down the Peace Bridge from both sides. Unknown if this is the same event as below.
Sat, Feb 12, 2022	1100hrs	Niagara Falls: USA-Canada Convoys 2022	Fort Erie Group is teaming up with another group named 'USA – Canada Convoy 2022', originating from Buffalo, NY. Both groups are aiming to close the Peace Bridge from both sides of the border.
Sat, Feb 19, 2022		Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022	"They have closed Sarnia and Windsor. The next step is the Peace Bridge/ Queenston-Lewiston slow roll/blockade." Indication is that it is a peaceful protest and no violence will be tolerated.



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OTHER EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022			
Time	Name	Location	Comments / Impact
U/K	Hwy 61 Convoy	Pigeon River Canada / US border crossing	Protest will take place off the Highway and will not impact traffic flow at all.
U/K	1000 Islands International Bridge	Lansdowne POE	CBSA has met with OPP Thousand Island Detachment. Contingency plan drawn up.
0800	Ford Taking Questions	6 Tettenhall Rd, Etobicoke (Premier Dog Ford's Residence)	15 people responded at time of capture (0249hrs)
1000	Supporters for Trucker Convoy	Havelock	Supporters for the Trucker Convoy will be having a rally along Highway 7 in Havelock.
1100	Haliburton Freedom Rally	Minden-Haliburton	Organizer has requested OPP assistance in Haliburton at Highway 118 and 35. He was hoping an officer could assist them with crossing the intersection.
1100	Huntsville: Anti-Regulation Protest	Huntsville Place Mall	Huntsville Place Mall along Hwy 11 to Doe Lake Rd and return.
1130	Bruce County Convoy	Port Elgin Walmart – Depart by 1200hrs.	Route: Southampton – Allenford – Tara – Burgoyne – End in Port Elgin
1200	Tillsonburg: Oxford Freedom Convoy	400 Simcoe Street, Tillsonburg	Estimating 500 vehicles involved (farm tractors, passenger vehicles and tractor trailers), speeds 40-50 km/hr. No plans to block any traffic. Everyone will head home after the event concludes.

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			The convoy will start in Tillsonburg and roll through Norwich, Ingersoll, and Woodstock. No significant impact anticipated.
1300	Montreal: Rally "Unis dans l'amour pour la liberté"		Some participants will go to Ottawa
1300	Kingston: Slow Roll	HWY 38 carpool	
1300	Lindsay: Rise Up Kawartha Lakes Freedom Skate and Protest	Victoria Park	Every Saturday until freedom is restored (scheduled until 1500hrs)
1400	Hamilton Protest at City Hall	Hamilton City Hall – 52 Jackson St W	
1400	Bracebridge: Anti-Regulation Protest	Memorial Park	To be joined by Huntsville convoy (no further details)
1800	Hanover-Walkerton: Freedom Convoy	Every night will be completing a loop from Hanover Walmart	No significant impact anticipated
UNK	Ottawa: Call for Freedom Rally	Parliament Hill	No further details
OTHER EVENTS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022			
Time	Name	Location	Comments / Impact
1200	Fort Frances Convoy	Fort Frances Canada/ U.S. border crossing	Members of the group will protest in one lane of a two lane roadway. It will not impact the flow of traffic.
1500	Freedom Convoy (Sault Freedom Alliance)	St. Joe's Island Algoma District	Meet at Clarks Cove for 2pm and Convoy starts at 3pm. Horses, carts, tractors, etc.



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1800	Hanover-Walkerton: Freedom Convoy	Every night will be completing a loop from Hanover Walmart	No significant impact anticipated
Time	Name	Location	Comments / Impact
	Convoy to Nipigon	Nipigon River Bridge	Facebook group created for those interested in a Convoy to Nipigon Bridge for a weekend – idea is for peaceful protest. Also floating idea of a convoy from Thunder Bay to Terrace Bay to support a restaurant. Unknown if this will garner support. Possibly late February.

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